

## **Gonzalez Responds to President Obama's on State of the Union**

**Washington, DC** – Congressman Charlie Gonzalez (TX-20) issued the following statement this evening:

“Tonight, President Obama spoke to the American people about how we will continue to rebuild the economy and addressed the economic challenges that still persist. It took eight years of misguided policies to get us to this downturn, but we now have the shared opportunity and responsibility to get us out of it.

“As President Obama discussed, our economic situation requires bold actions from everyone, including the Administration, Congress, businesses and investors, as well as the American people. That means a serious investment in small businesses and infrastructure projects, a deep commitment to creating jobs and keeping them in America, and preventing our economy from further being impacted by unfair practices that led us into the economic downturn. As he has done in recent weeks, I’m confident the President will continue to work with Congress so that we can continue the course of rebuilding our economy and create jobs. But the members of this Congress have to be willing to work in a bipartisan manner. Opposing the President for the sake of political gain, instead of offering any viable alternatives, will result in further gridlock and inaction.

“While we must concentrate on our economy, we cannot neglect the importance of defending Americans against terrorism and tonight, the President took a bold stance on how to better protect the American people. Having inherited two wars and a growing terrorist threat, he renewed his promise to end the war in Iraq and has refocused his strategy on Afghanistan. Keeping Americans safe is the President’s top priority, and he has our full support.”

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